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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): A composition comprising:

(a) an oligoglycoside selected from the group consisting of alkyl oligoglycosides, alkenyl oligoglycosides and mixtures thereof;

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of cosmetic active ingredients, pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a partial ester with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein both (a) and (b) are derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.

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Claim 16 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a partial ester of tartaric acid with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a partial ester of malic acid with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition [[by]] which comprises adding to the composition an effective a mucous membrane compatibility enhancing amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, salts of partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol partial ester.

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Claim 21 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein both (a) and (b) are derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a partial ester of tartaric acid with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer comprises a partial ester of malic acid with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 1 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 2 to 15% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.